

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

***FORWARD SHIELDING SAFETY DEVICE***

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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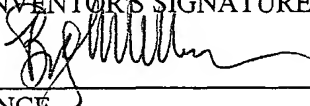
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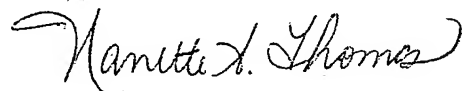
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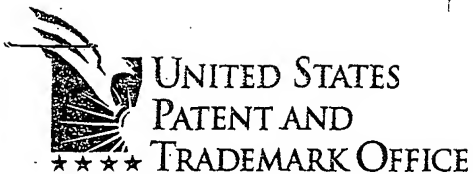
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*for which they have executed a Declaration for an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America; and*

*WHEREAS, BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, a corporation of New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest therein.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the premises and in acknowledgement, confirmation and performance of obligations which arose out of the terms and conditions of the Assignors' employment by Assignee at the time the invention was made, and other valuable considerations to them, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors have assigned, and transferred, and to hereby assign, and transfer unto said Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application, whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available, is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions and continuations or continuations-in-part, thereof, and in and to all Letters Patents, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made; and*

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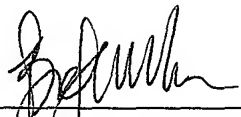
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*For the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that they have a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and*

*For the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection of the inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in Assignee the complete title to the inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record title.*

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*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF*, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals on the dates subscribed below.

  
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DATE: 3/8/02

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**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 8 day of March, 2002, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Bradley M. Wilkinson, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, I and having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

  
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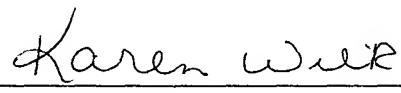
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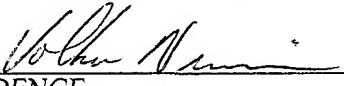
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